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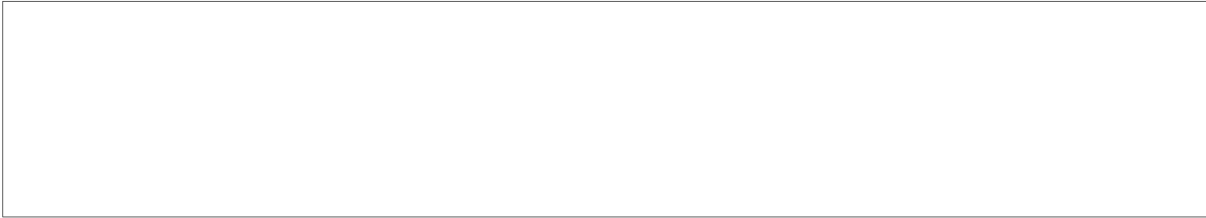
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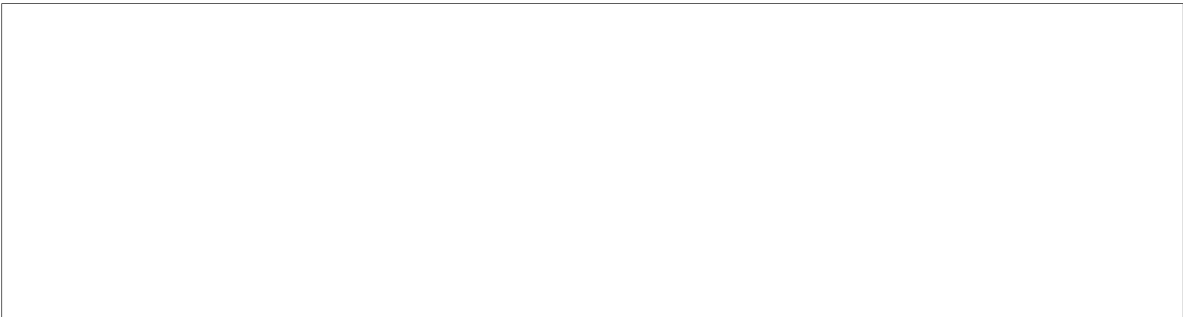
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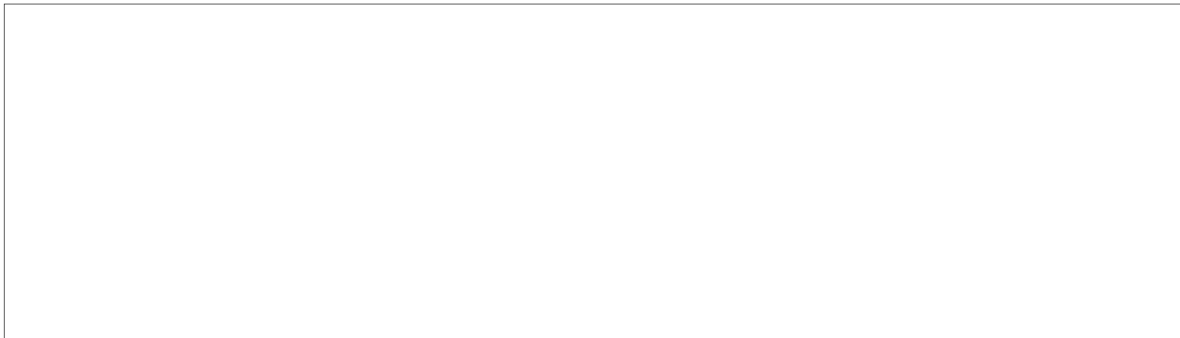
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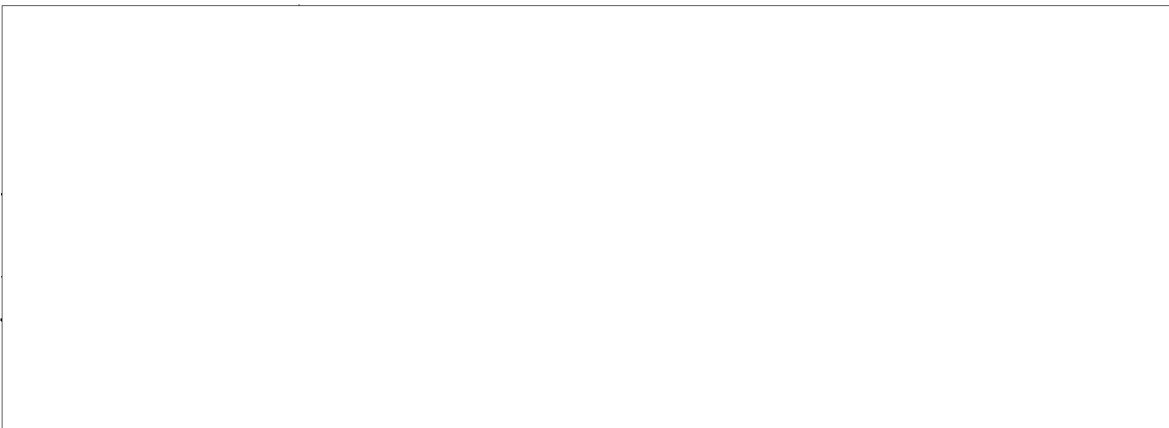
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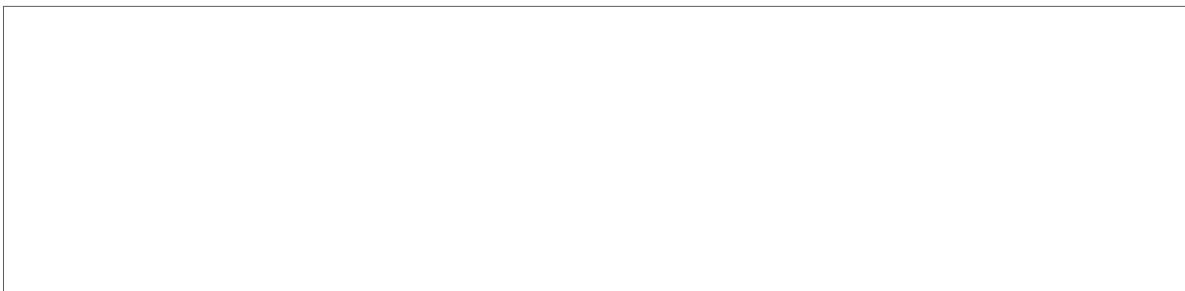
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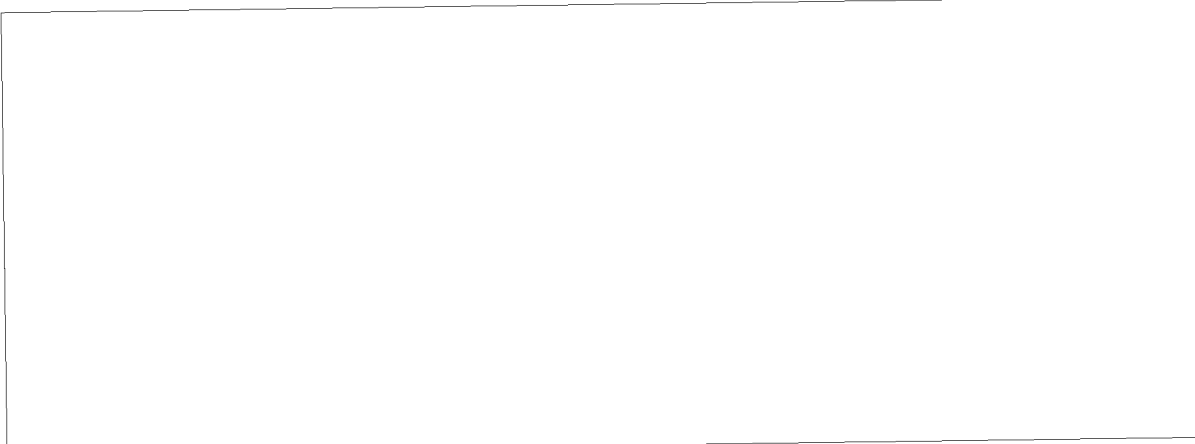
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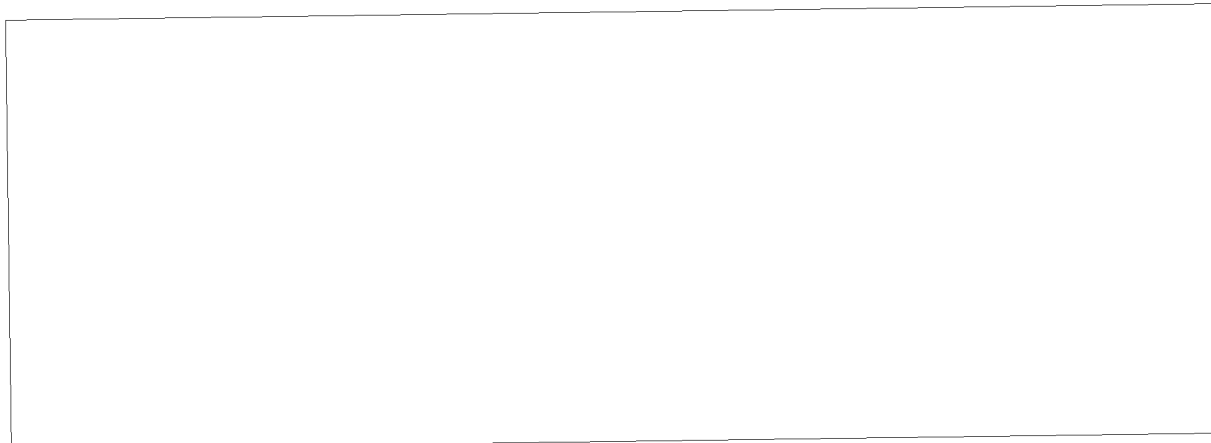
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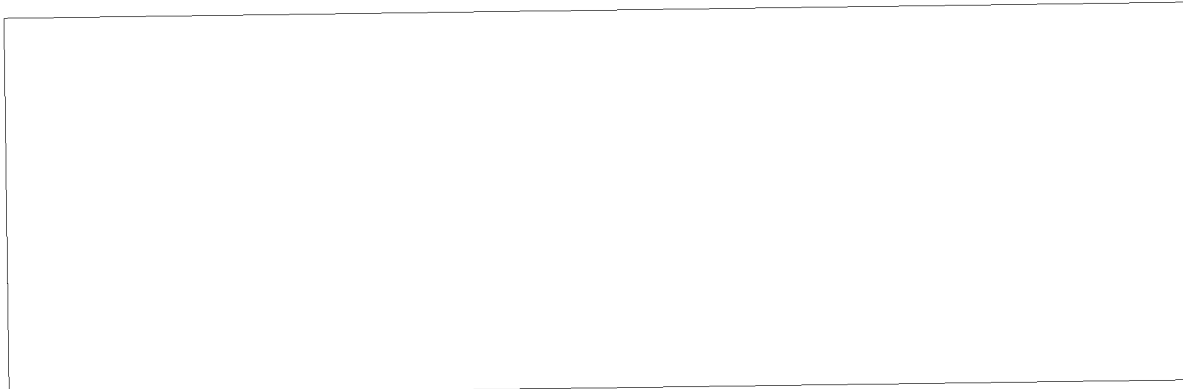
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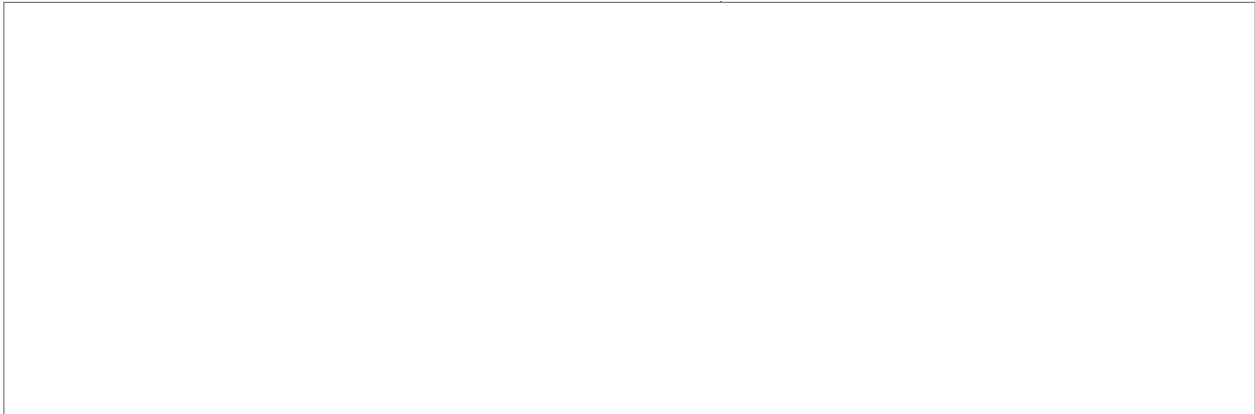


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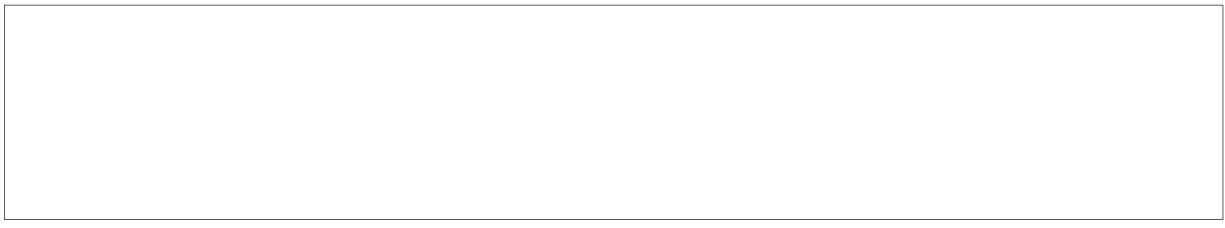
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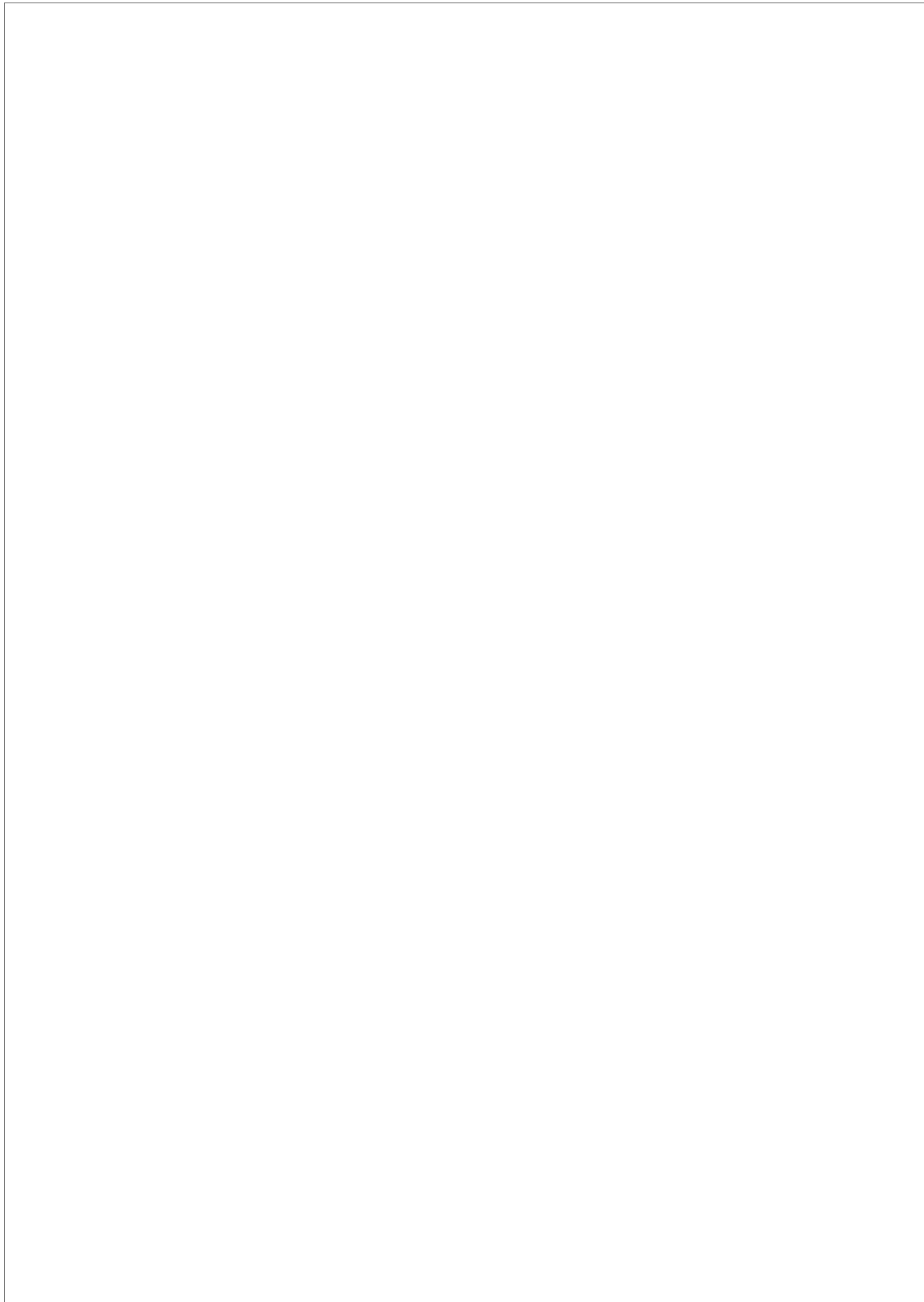
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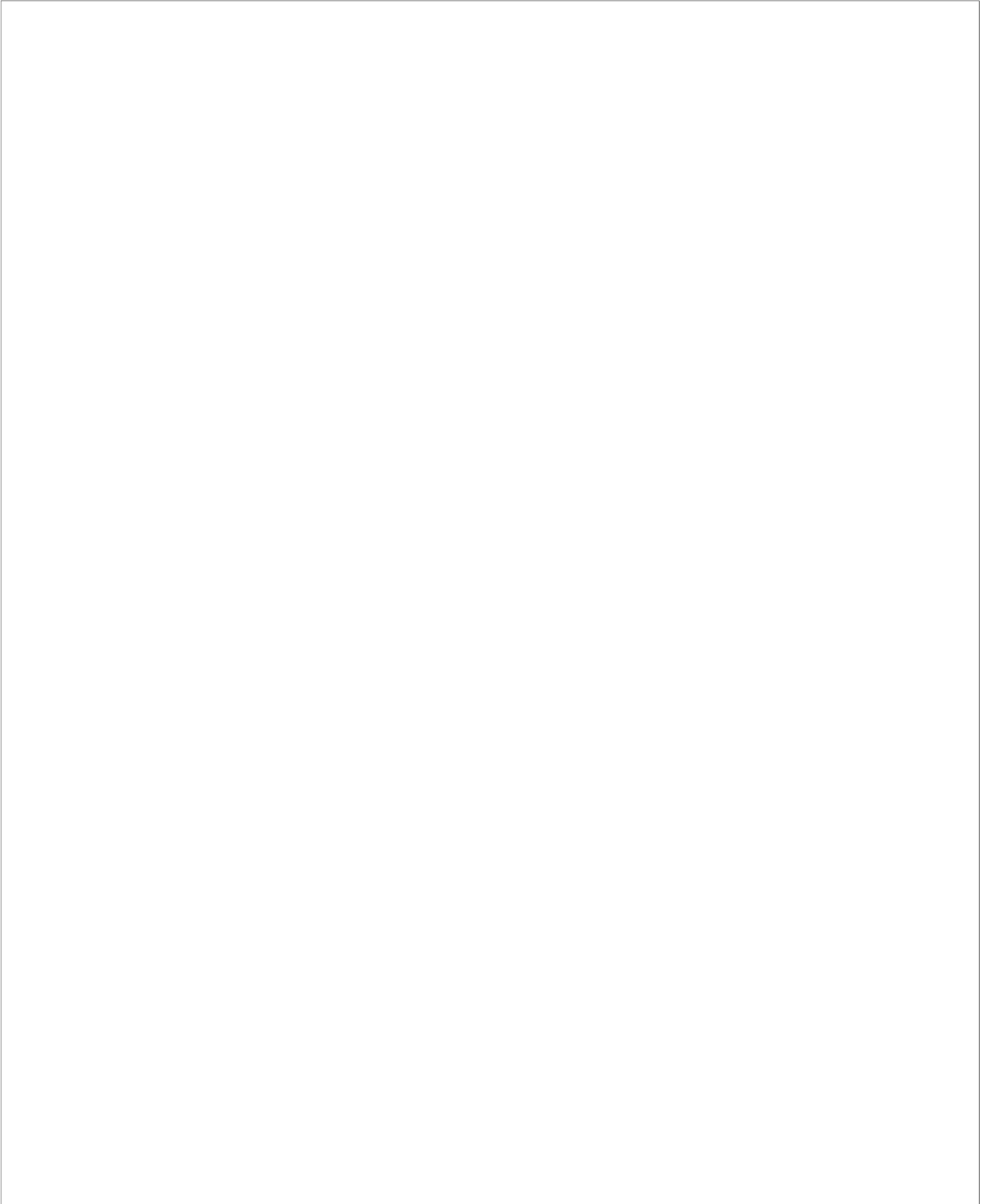


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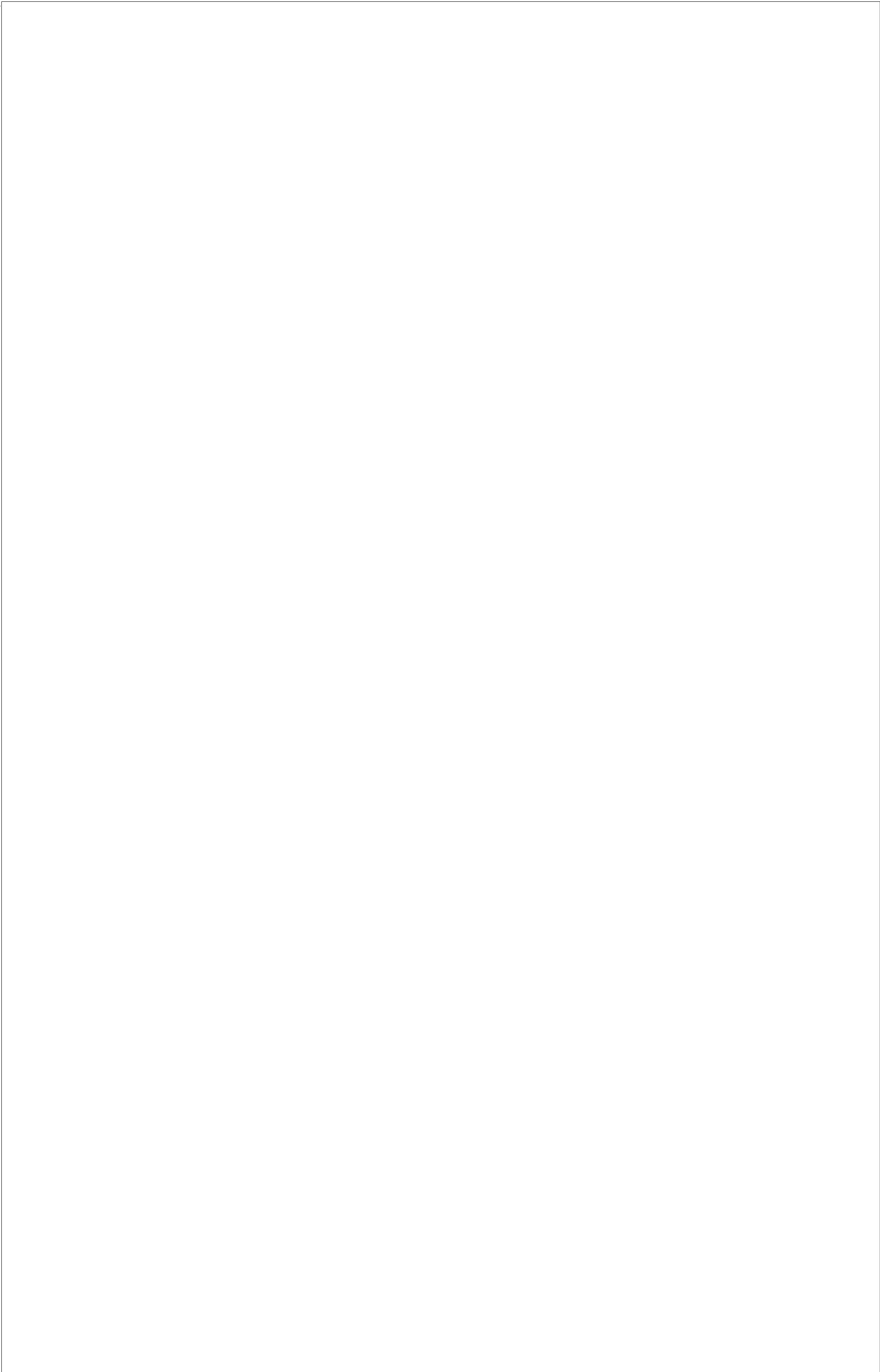


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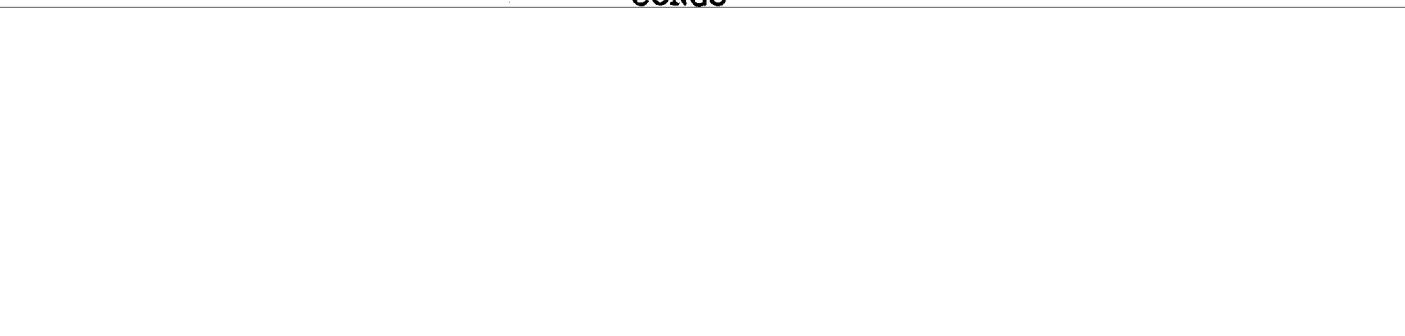
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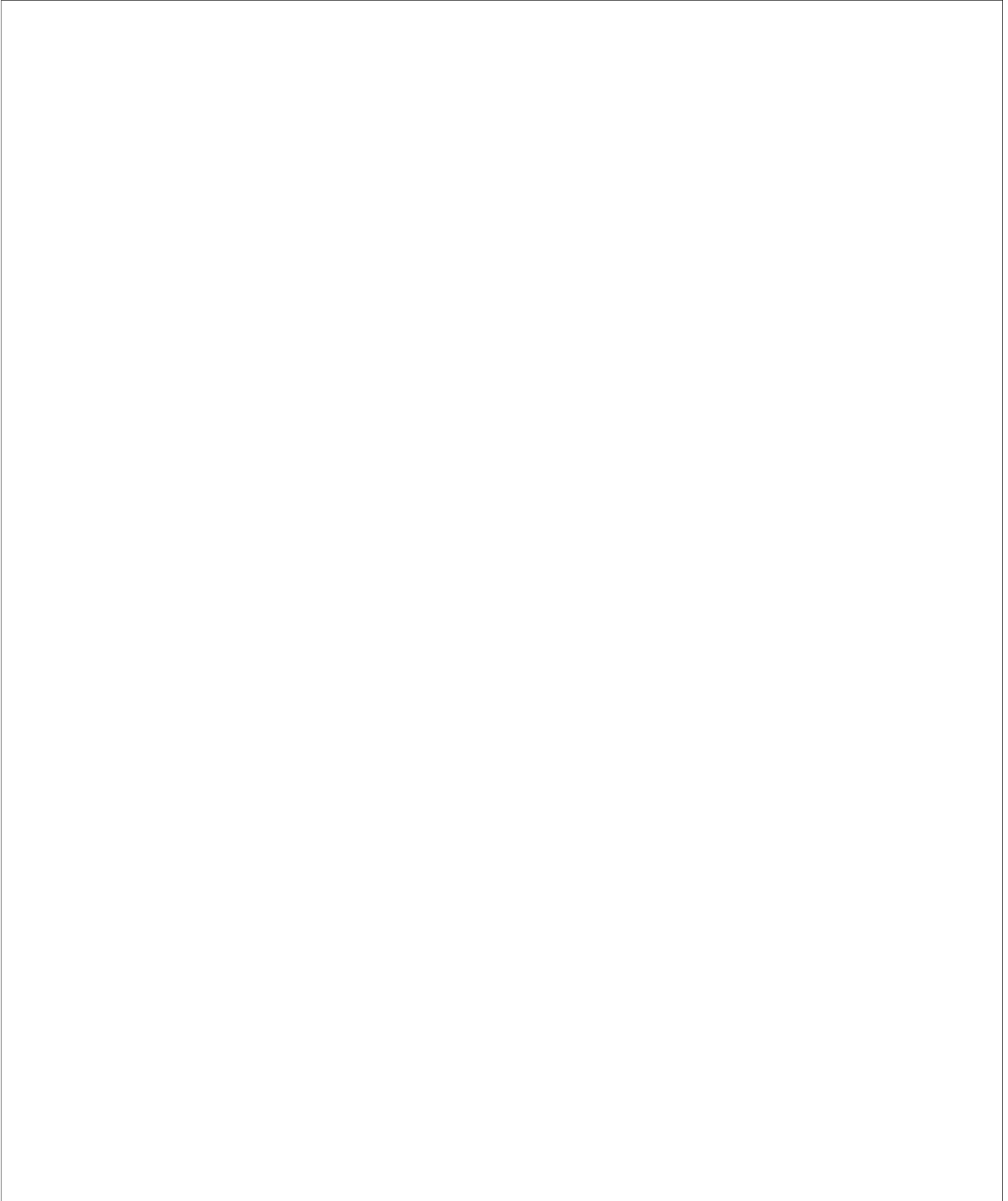
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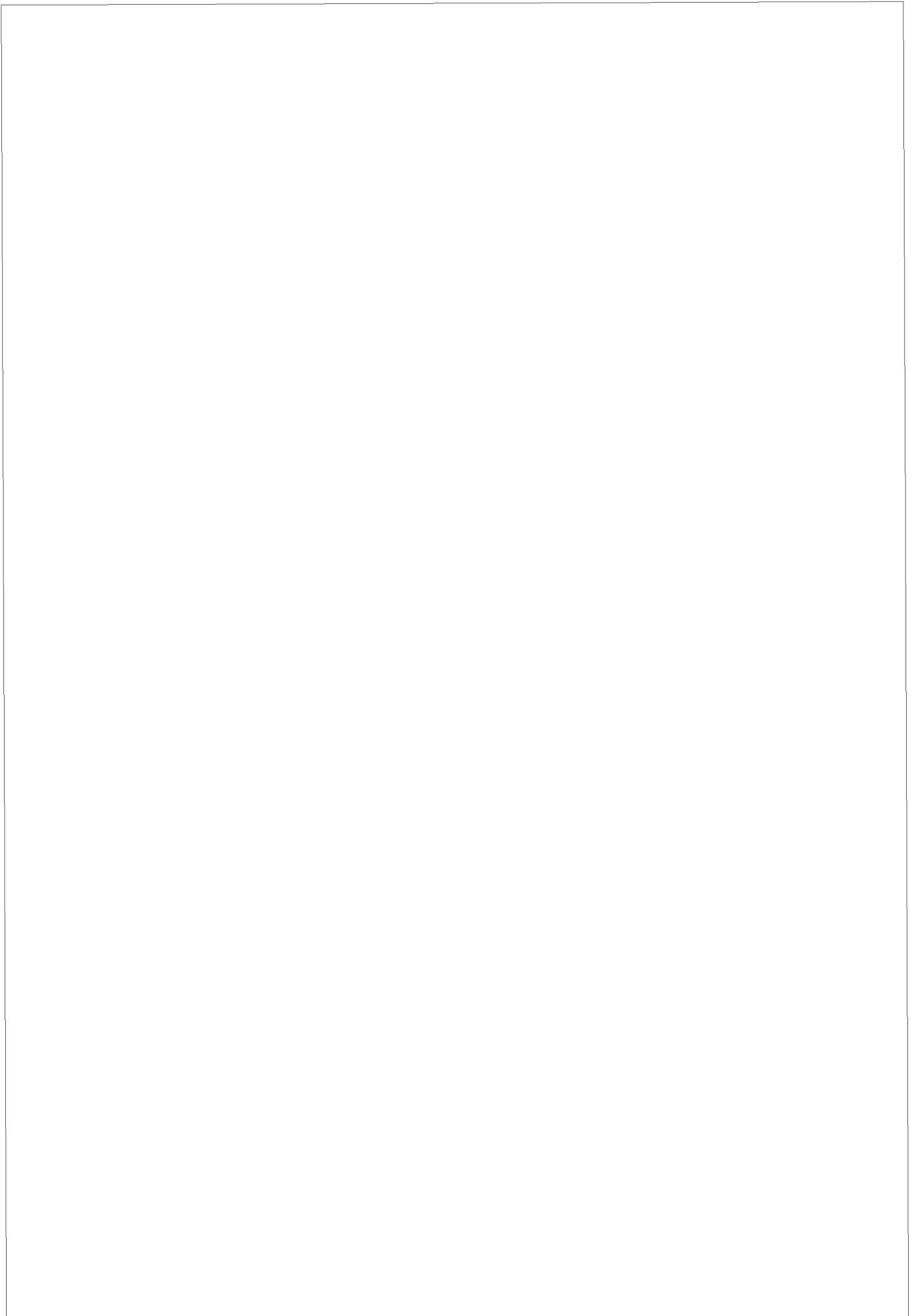
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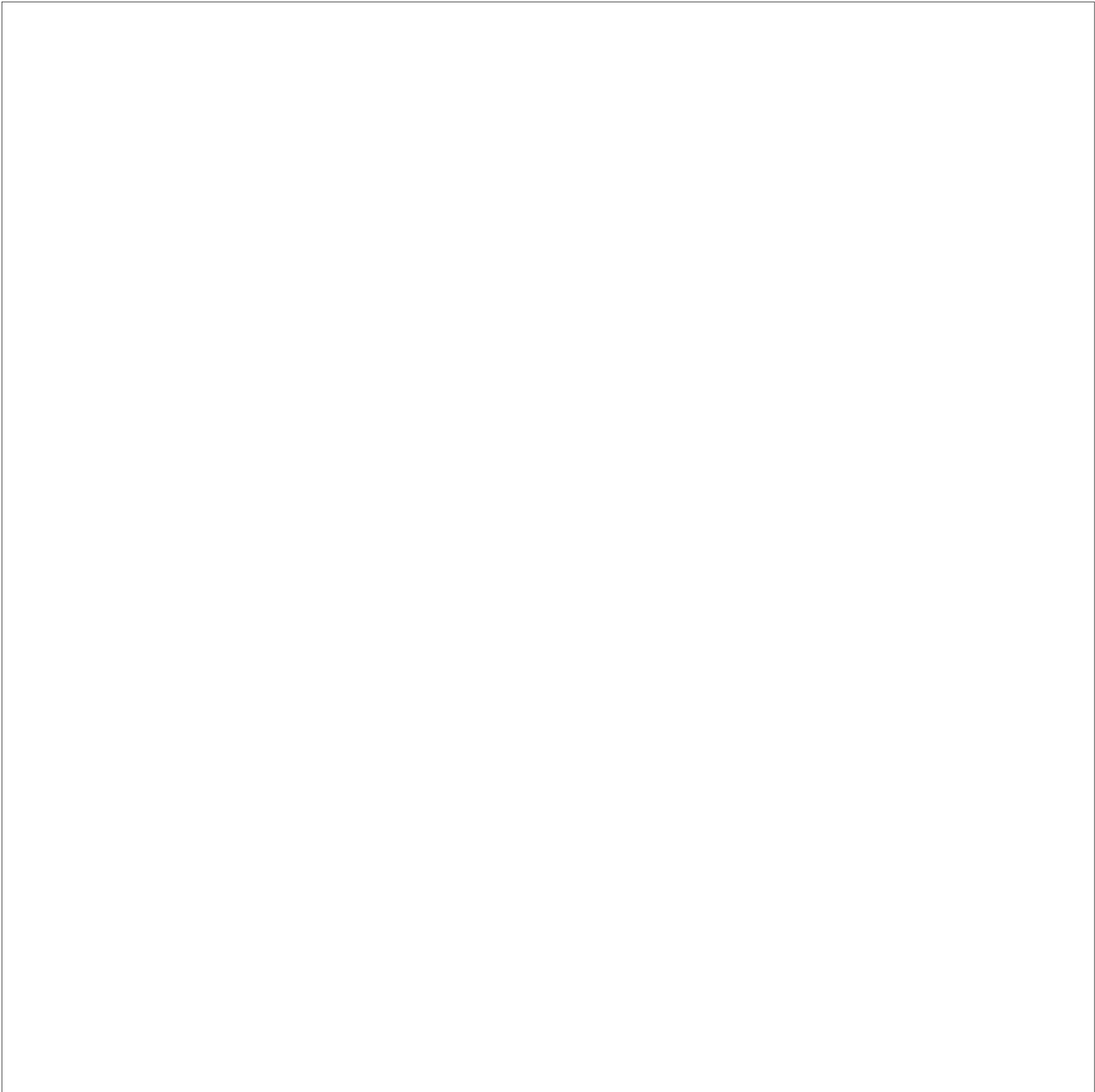
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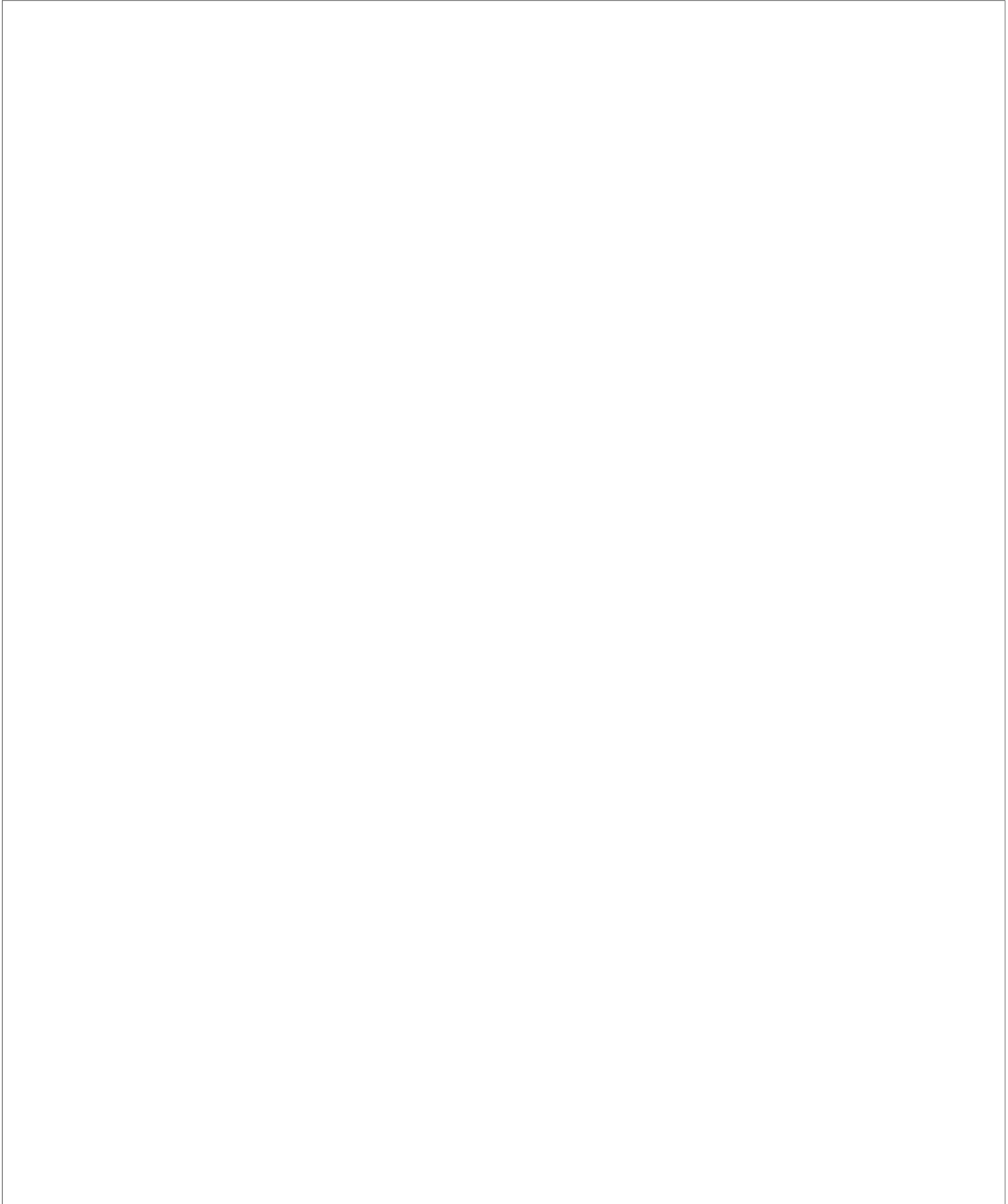
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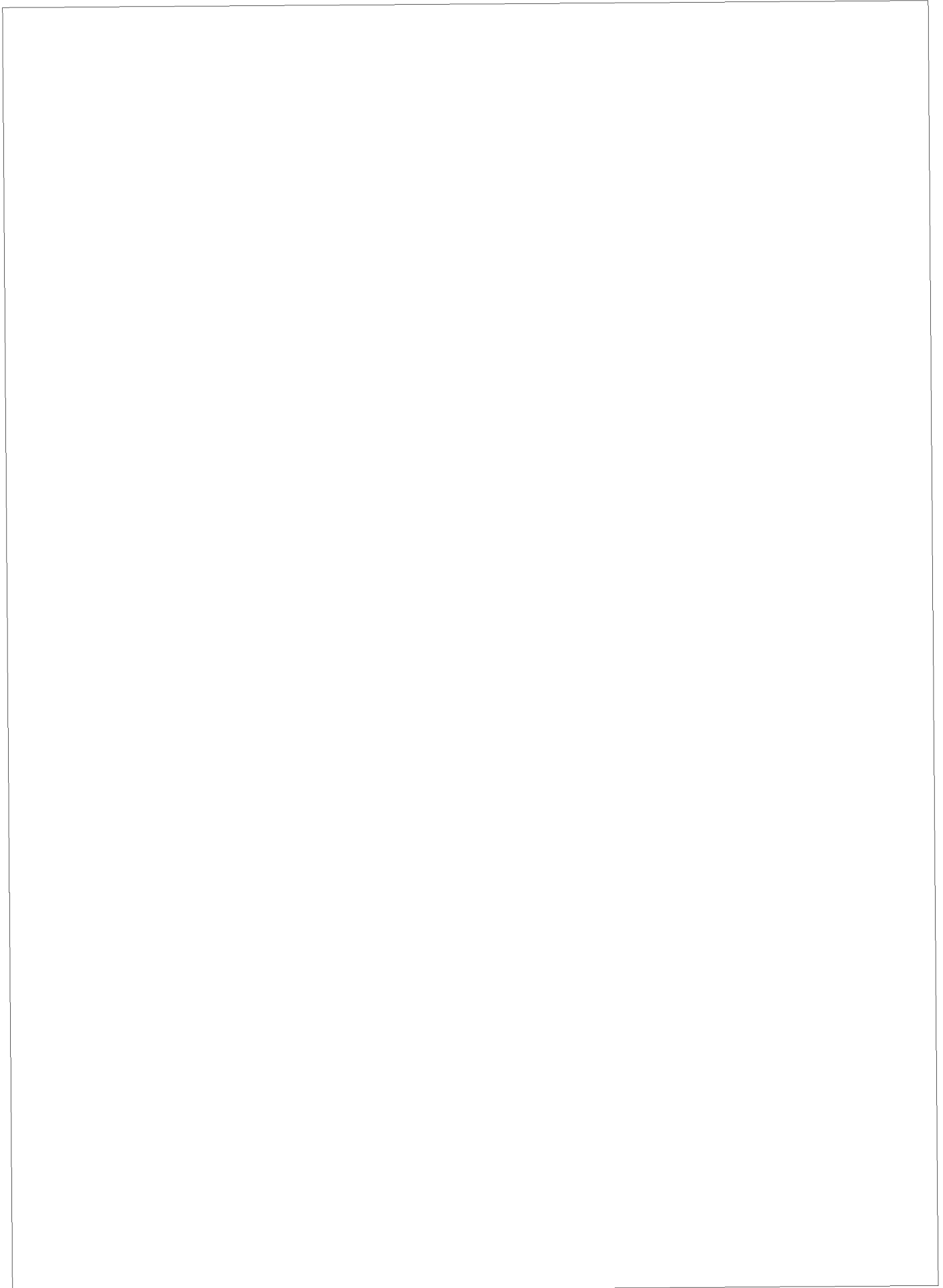
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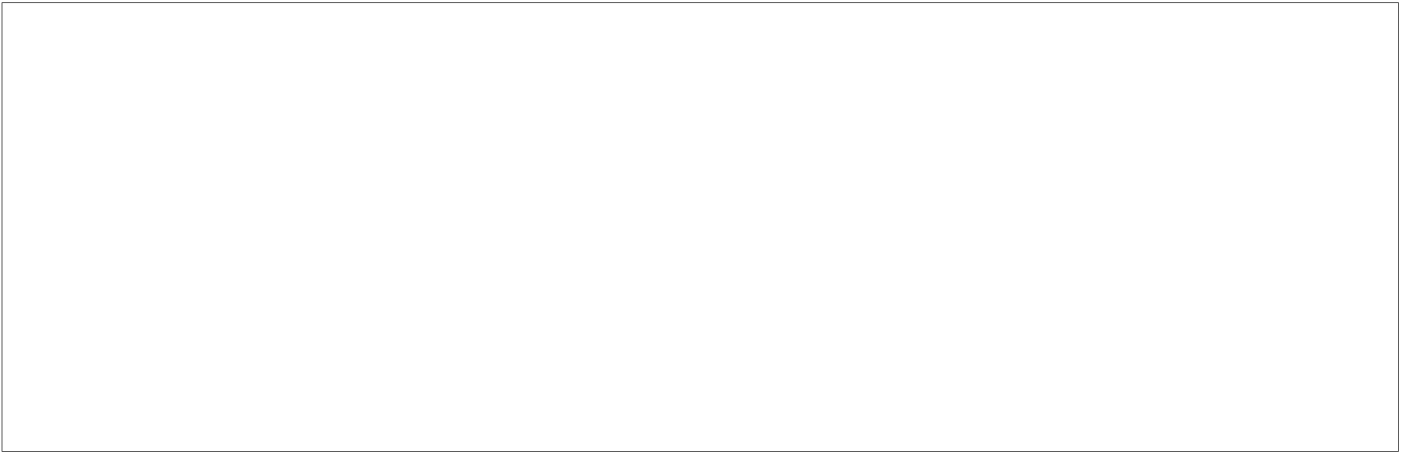
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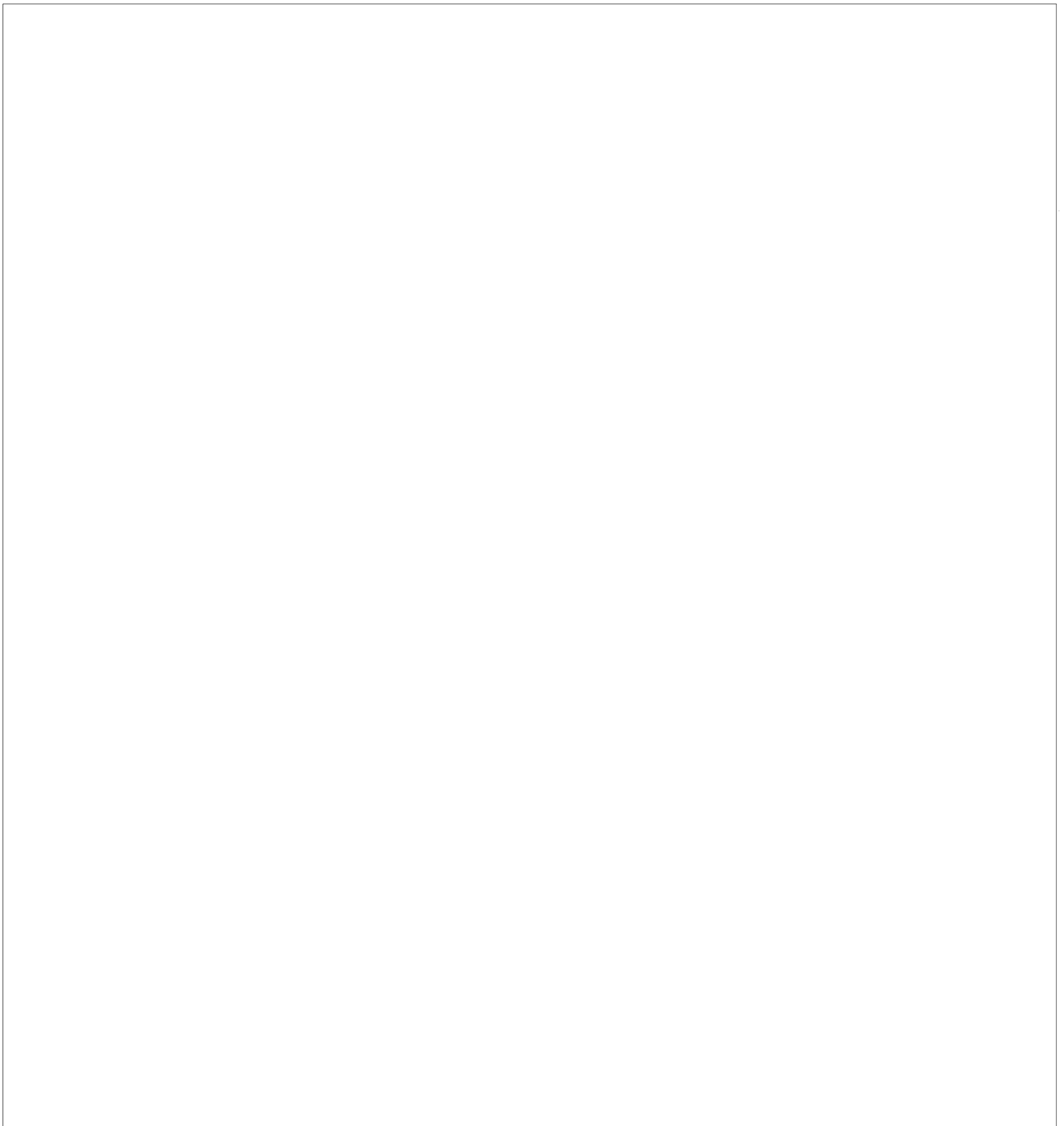


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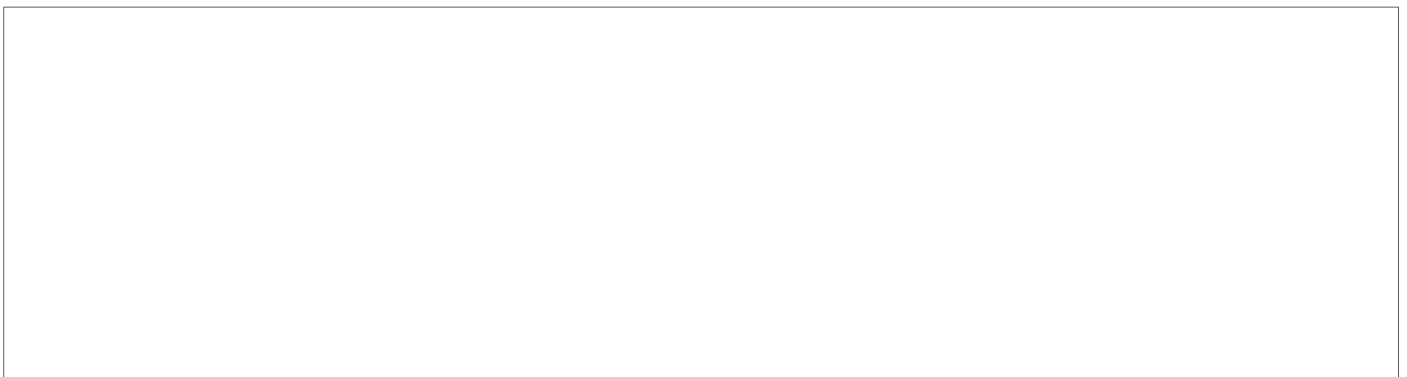
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The South African Government is steadily increasing its security precautions in an effort to head off nonwhite demonstrations at the end of this month. The National Action Council (NAC), a Communist-dominated group which gained the initiative among nonwhite nationalists late in March, has called a three-day stay-home strike beginning on 29 May to protest South Africa's accession to republic status on 31 May. Nelson Mandela, leader of the NAC, has denied that demonstrations are planned during the strike; he reportedly asserted, however, that intimidation would be used to enforce it in some areas. Tension is rising in both the white and the non-European communities, and even a trivial incident could provoke a violent outbreak.

The NAC was formed to implement a strike call which had been made by the Communist-controlled "all-in" African conference held in Natal Province late in March. Mandela, a probable Communist who had been under government restriction orders until just before the conference, is believed to have been responsible for much of the NAC's success in seizing the initiative from anti-Communist groups such as the Pan-Africanist Congress and the largely white Liberal party.

An able organizer who reportedly has ample funds at his disposal, he seems to have revitalized the "Congress movement," the Communist-dominated multiracial group which had been moribund since the banning last year of the African National, its principal component. The NAC reportedly has begun a house-to-house campaign to drum up

support for the strike call, and it plans to intensify its efforts during the coming week end.

Mandela claims to have the support of most of the country's coloreds (persons of mixed blood) and Indians. These two communities, which are an important economic factor in western Cape Province and Natal respectively, apparently are split on the question of cooperation with the Africans. Sentiment in favor of cooperation seems to be running stronger than it did in the outbreaks last year.

Mandela allegedly hopes violence can be avoided, since peaceful demonstrations would increase the NAC's aura of respectability. He is said to have admitted, however, that a fifth of his followers favor violent action. He believes that the presence of large numbers of security forces will inhibit demonstrations in the larger cities but that disturbances in the towns are more likely.

The government has been conducting a series of police raids since late April in an effort to break up the organization behind the strike call and to intimidate the nonwhite population. In mid-May it called up several units of reserves and militia, rounded up more than two thousand Africans on trivial charges, and banned all meetings until the end of June. Foreign Minister Louw told the American ambassador recently that the government hopes these measures will avert an incident like the one at Sharpeville last spring; however, he expressed concern over the security situation in the country.

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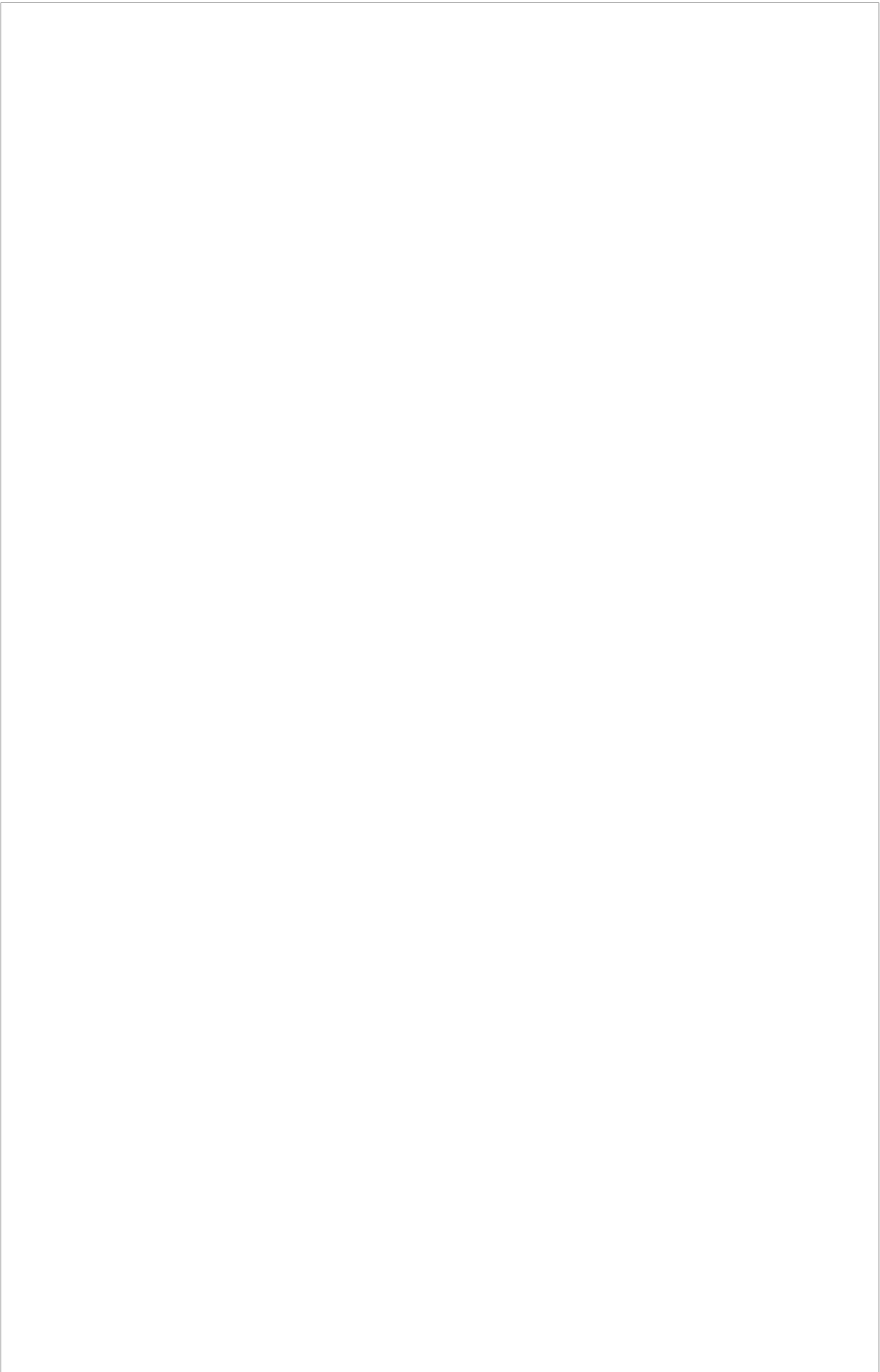
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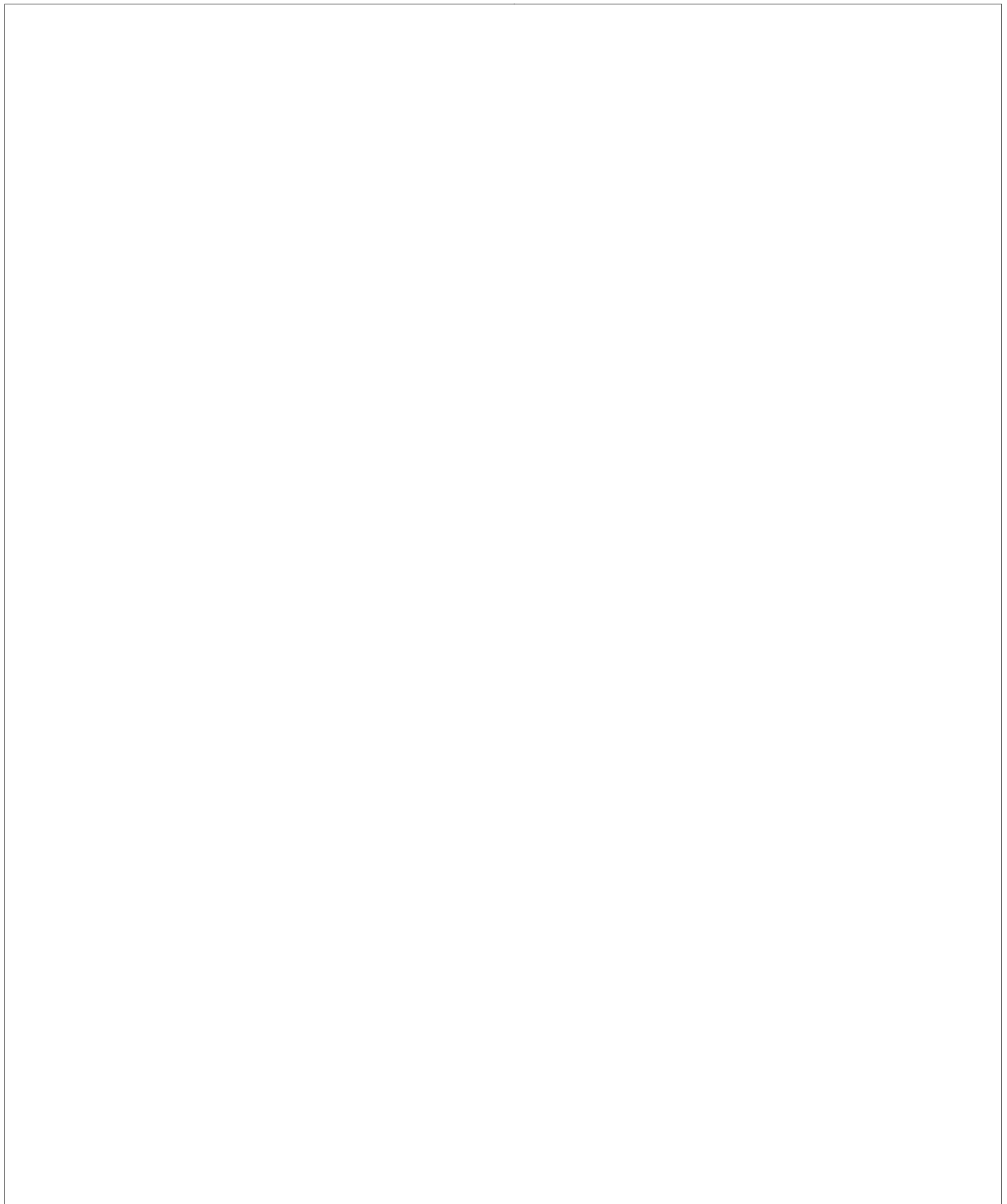
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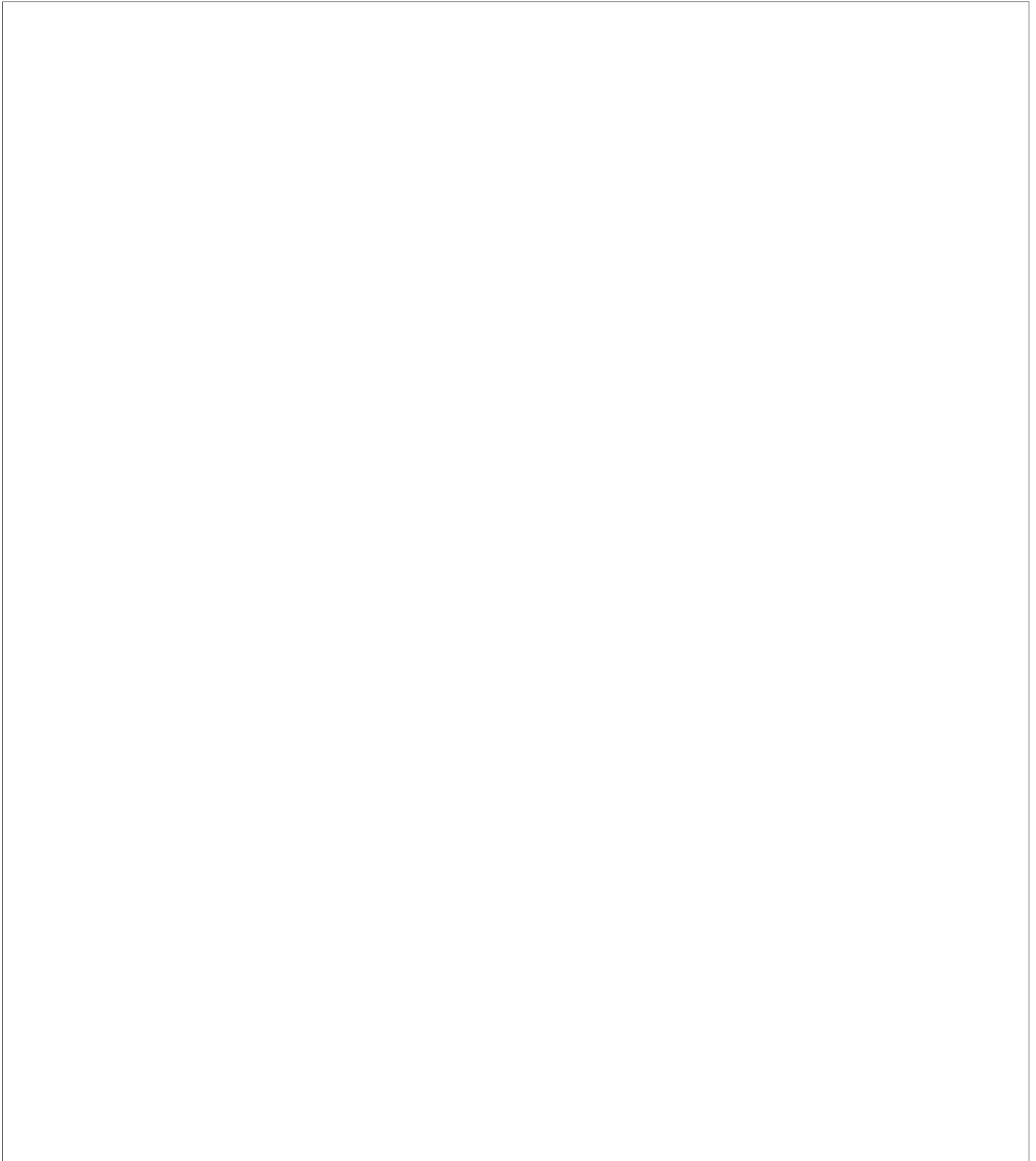
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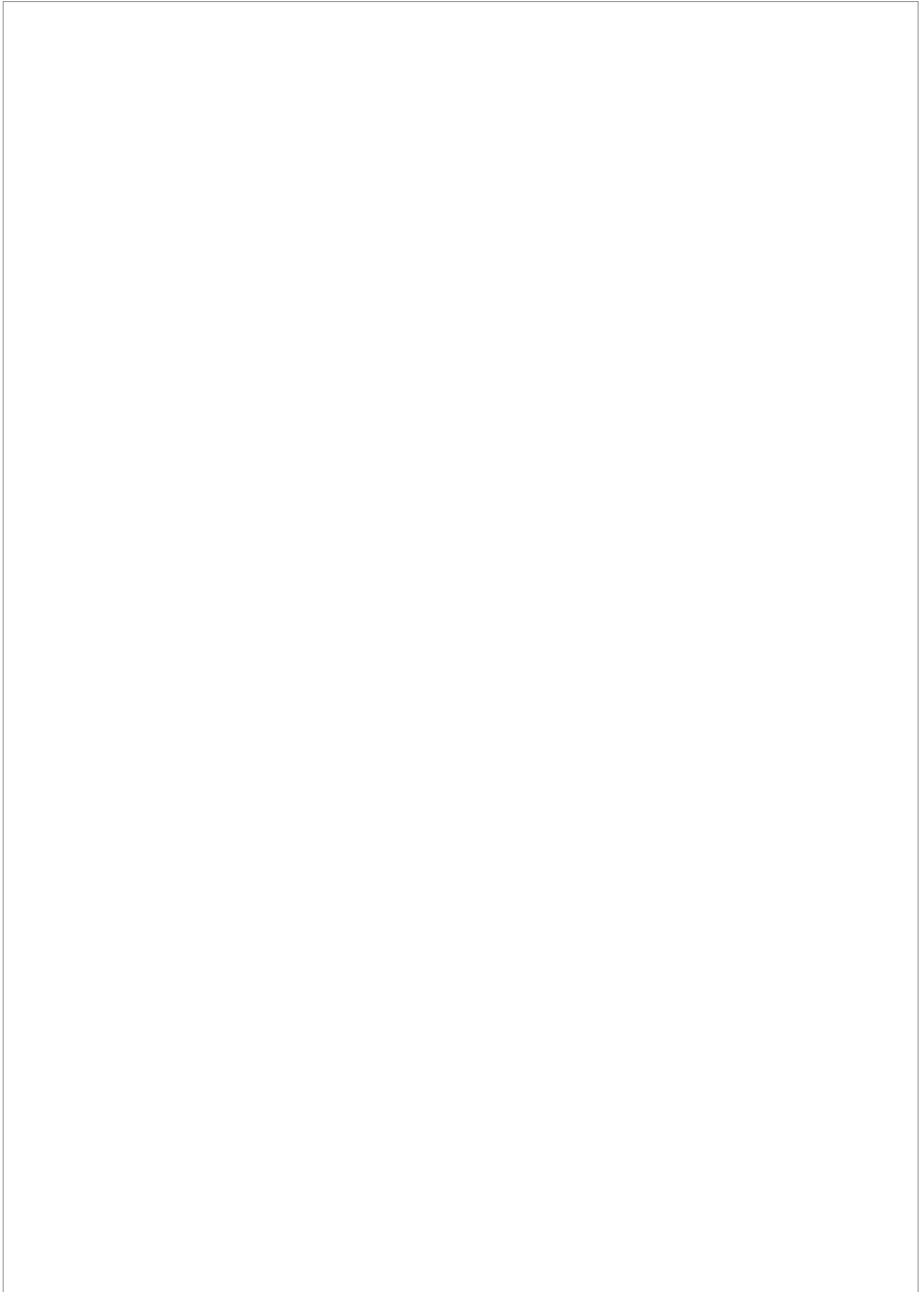
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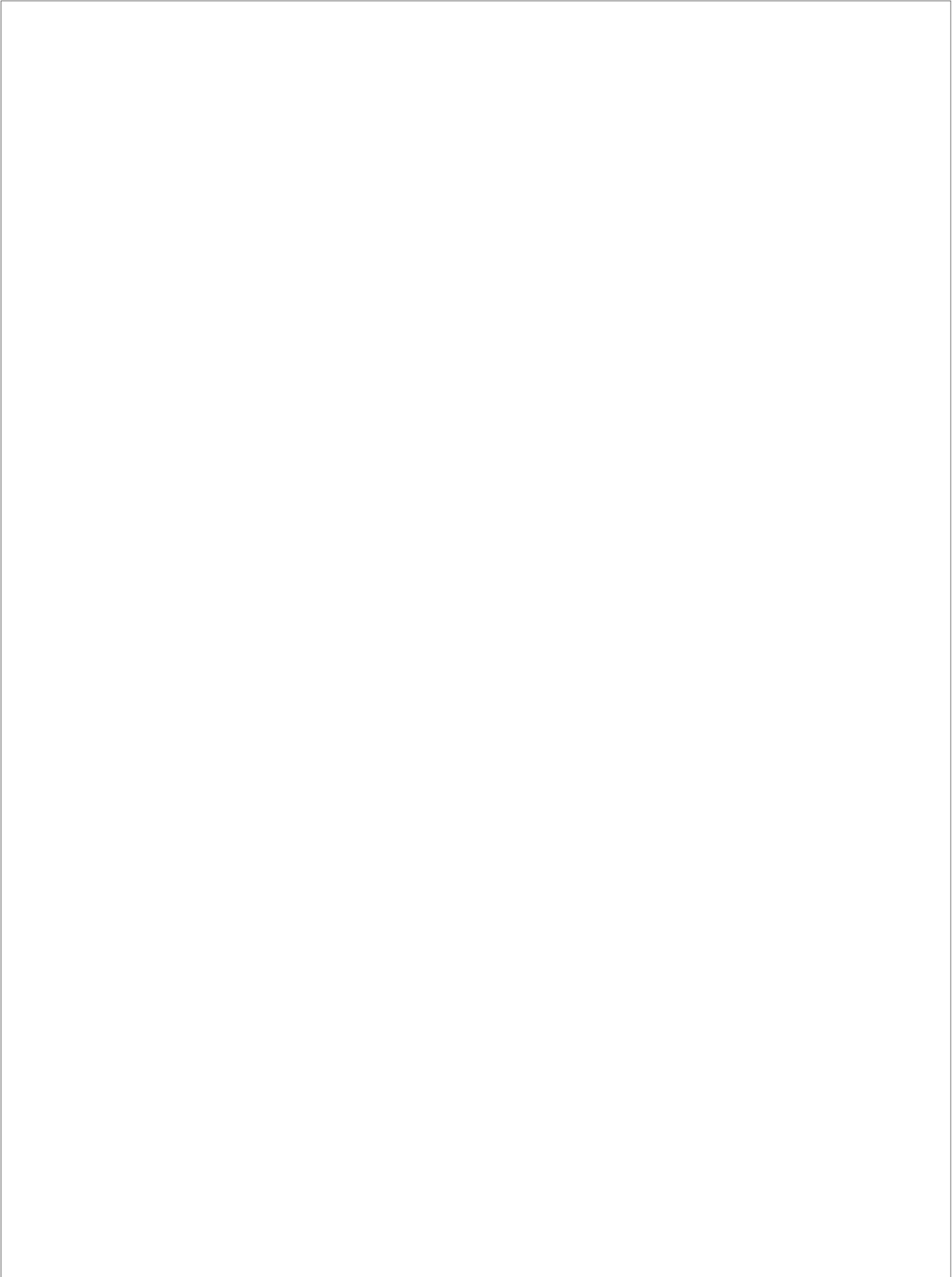


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